



# VolleyNews

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**Hello Friends of the Florida Region,**

**It's hard to believe it's already been over a week since we wrapped up what was truly the biggest and best ASICS Florida Challenge yet. Thank you to everyone who participated—we appreciate all your efforts and hope you had a great experience. Fun fact, there are approximately 1,500 junior girls' teams in the Region, 1,003 played in the ASICS.**

**We'd also like to extend a sincere thank-you to our sponsors and business partners who make this event possible. ASICS, Molten, BSN, HUDL, Lucky Dog, Visit Orlando, SportWrench, and The SpikeNet are essential in delivering an event of this magnitude.**

**One of our ongoing goals is to make each event more enjoyable for everyone involved. We hope you had the opportunity to engage with or participate in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Florida Region GearUp Drive powered by Gear4All & Gear for Glory, and the Energy Station. It was also great to see coaches, athletes, and families embracing the fun through Pajama Day, Dig Pink Day, and Club/Team Pride Day.**

**The Florida Region continues to be represented by some of the best officials in USA Volleyball. Events like this highlight their dedication, professionalism, and passion for supporting our athletes. Thank you to all our officials for their outstanding work.**

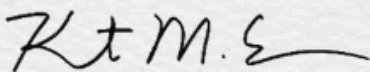
**We also want to recognize our Florida Region and event staff. Their long hours, detailed planning, and commitment—often beginning months in advance—are what make events like this successful. Their passion truly shows.**

**Lastly, we bid farewell to one of our team members, Kris Cifelli, who has served as our marketing coordinator for nearly three years. If you've enjoyed our photos, smiled at a meme, or stayed informed about events, you've seen her work in action. We wish Kris all the best as she takes her next step in Colorado.**

**Thank you again for being part of a great season so far. We look forward to seeing you at the Molten Boys Southeastern Regional in Gainesville!**

**Sincerely,**

**Kurt M. Esser**



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT**



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*2026 ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE | ORLANDO, FL*



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**“BE THE HARDEST WORKING PERSON YOU CAN BE. THAT’S HOW YOU SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE COMPETITION.” – STEPHEN CURRY**

# 25TH ANNUAL FLORIDA REGIONAL AWARD CEREMONY



**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 FLORIDA REGION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND AWARD WINNERS!**



## BY THE NUMBERS:

- NEARLY **300** ATTENDEES FROM ACROSS THE REGION!
- **30** SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
- **\$148,000** TOTAL AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS
- **20** SPECIAL AWARDS GIVEN
- **2** NEW FL REGION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

(TOTALING OVER  
\$1.1 MILLION  
SINCE 2007)

## 2026 FLORIDA REGION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



JENNIFER JOSEPH



TERRI KAISER



# ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE RECAP!



1,003 OF THE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 GIRLS TEAMS IN THE FLORIDA REGION PARTICIPATED AT THE 2026 ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT.

THIS INCREDIBLE PARTICIPATION NUMBER BROKE THE RECORD FOR THE LARGEST FLORIDA REGION PRESENTED TOURNAMENT IN HISTORY!

## SEE SOME OF THE NEW INITIATIVES WE OFFERED AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT:

THE SPIKENET & FRIENDS PODCAST LAUNCHED 4/24 AND FEATURED MANY AMAZING GUESTS

[CHECK OUT THE PODCAST HERE!](#)



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# 2026 FLORIDA ADULT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 16, 2026 | ORLANDO, FL

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DEADLINE TO ENTER IS MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 3PM!  
FREE ENTRY & CASH PRIZES





# 2026 USA Volleyball Adult Open National Championship (Adult Opens)

May 22-27, 2026 | Orlando, FL

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**SERVING SASS!**  
**LAST YEAR'S FL REGION ADULT  
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
WINNERS & USAV ADULT OPENS  
WOMEN'S A CHAMPIONS!**

# MEET OUR 2026 TEAM FLORIDA COACHING STAFF!

## U19 GIRLS



JEFF REAVIS  
HEAD COACH



MCKENSIE HEROLD  
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JON WONG  
ASSISTANT COACH

## U17 GIRLS



ADIS IMAMOVIC  
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ASSISTANT COACH



ANTHONY (TONY) COTRON  
ASSISTANT COACH

## U15 GIRLS



ISREAL DELGADO  
HEAD COACH



PEDRO PENATE  
ASSISTANT COACH



EVELYN VERAS  
ASSISTANT COACH

## U13 GIRLS



HECTOR RAMIREZ  
HEAD COACH



CANDACE LUNFORD  
ASSISTANT COACH



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ASSISTANT COACH

## U19 BOYS



COREY MARKS  
HEAD COACH



TOM SNODGRASS  
ASSISTANT COACH



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ASSISTANT COACH

## U17 BOYS



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HEAD COACH



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## U15 BOYS



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HEAD COACH



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ASSISTANT COACH

**COLUMBUS, OHIO  
ISN'T READY FOR US!**

# 25-26 INDOOR EVENT CALENDAR

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JAN 10-11	<b>FLORIDA USAV GOLD SERIES</b>	ORLANDO, FL
JAN 24-26	<b>FLORIDA FEST JNQ</b>	ORLANDO, FL
FEB 21-22	<b>FLORIDA REGIONAL 18 QUALIFIER</b>	WESLEY CHAPEL, FL
FEB 26-MAR 1	<b>SUNSHINE CLASSIC GNQ</b>	ORLANDO, FL
APR 24-26	<b>ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE</b>	ORLANDO, FL
MAY 1-3	<b>USAV 18S JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	RENO, NV
MAY 22-27	<b>USAV OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	ORLANDO, FL
TBD	<b>USAVFL ADULT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	TBD
JUNE 5-7	<b>GIRLS JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	COLUMBUS, OH
JUNE 6-7	<b>MOLTEN BOYS SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	GAINESVILLE, FL
JUNE 19-22	<b>GIRLS JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (10-13S)</b>	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
JUNE 25 - JULY 3	<b>GIRLS JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (14-17S)</b>	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
JULY 8-11	<b>BOYS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	PHOENIX, AZ
JULY 23-26	<b>USAV ALL-STAR CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	COLUMBUS, OH

A full list of Florida Region sanctioned events can be found online at [floridavolleyball.org](http://floridavolleyball.org)



**JUNE 6-7, 2026 | GAINESVILLE, FL**

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**JULY 22-26, 2026 | COLUMBUS, OHIO**

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Florida Region!**



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# FLORIDA REGION MAP

4 DISTRICTS  
170+ Clubs



**USA Volleyball**

## REGION MAP

**FLORIDA REGION OF USA VOLLEYBALL, INC.**  
**FloridaVolleyball.org**

Use the interactive maps to find a club near you by scanning this code!



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